

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(c) as being anticipated by Shiraishi et al. Claims 6-14 are allowed and claims 2-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Claim 1 is now cancelled and claim 2 is amended to include all the limitations of claim 1. The amended claim 2 as well as claims 3-5 should all be allowable.

Please note that in the above amendments to the specification, the purpose of deleting paragraphs [0023] and [0028] and immediately adding respective new paragraphs is to correct a typo in “*segment_pointe_wr*” which is missing a character “r” after “*pointe*”. In order to avoid confusion between the marked up underline and the underscore in the paragraph, the amendment is done by means of deleting an old paragraph and adding a new paragraph for clarity.

The above amendment has been made without prejudice. A few grammatical and typographical errors in the specification are corrected as shown in the amendment. Some claims are also amended to avoid the lack of proper antecedent basis including the one in claim 4 pointed out by the examiner.

Claims 2-14 are now in full condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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